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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 15

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1. CONTACT GROUP MET JUNE 15 TO CONSIDER THE PROCEDURES
NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY
THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN PARIS JUNE 14. THE GROUP
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AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) THE FIVE IN DAR ES SALAAM SHOULD ARRANGE FOR AN
APPROACH TO BE MADE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE INFORMING HIM OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DECISION
TO SEND THE CONTACT GROUP TO LUANDA FOR TALKS WITH
NUJOMA. THE CONTACT GROUP HAS AGREED ON DRAFT TALKING

POINTS FOR THIS APPROACH. THESE TALKING POINTS SHOULD BE PASSED TO NYERERE IN WRITING. GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THE APPROACH, THE CONTACT GROUP IS RECOMMENDING TO CAPITALS THAT ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE TEXT BE RELAYED DIRECTLY TO DAR AND THAT THE FIVE IN DAR RESOLVE ANY DIFFERENCES. THE CONTACT GROUP RECOGNIZES THAT THE PROCEDURE APPROVED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS (I.E., APPROACHING SWAPO WITHOUT FIRST TRYING TO OBTAIN SOUTH AFRICA'S AGREEMENT TO THE FRONTLINE'S SUGGESTIONS) DIFFERS FROM THAT DESIRED BY NYERERE, AND THAT NYERERE MAY RAISE THIS IN THE COURSE OF THE APPROACH. IF HE DOES, THE AMBASSADORS SHOULD CONFIRM THAT, IF NECESSARY, THE CONTACT GROUP WILL CONTINUE ON FROM LUANDA TO SOUTH AFRICA. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT TALKING POINTS:

BEGIN TALKING POINTS.

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE MET IN PARIS ON 14 JUNE TO DISCUSS OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT GIVEN BY YOU TO OUR AMBASSADORS ON 12 JUNE AND OF OUR OWN FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTERS WERE GLAD TO LEARN FROM YOUR REPORT THAT SWAPO AND THE FRONTLINE STATES AGREE THAT ONLY
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TWO AREAS OF DIFFICULTY NOW STAND IN THE WAY OF SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL FOR A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT. THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS ON WALVIS BAY AND THE LOCATION OF THE RESIDUAL 1500 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

2. THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHARE YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY AND CONSIDER THAT A MEETING BETWEEN THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND SWAPO SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING TO RESOLVE THESE TWO REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFICULTY. IN LINE WITH YOUR REQUEST OUR GOVERNMENTS INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICANS OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT. THE SOUTH AFRICANS MAINTAINED THE POSITIONS WHICH THEY HAVE TAKEN IN THE PAST. NEVERTHELESS, OUR FIVE MINISTERS BELIEVE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND MEANS OF DEALING WITH THESE REMAINING AREAS OF DIFFICULTY. TO THIS END OUR CONTACT GROUP IS READY TO TRAVEL TO LUANDA EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT NUJOMA. WE PROPOSE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS BEGIN ON THURSDAY, 22 JUNE. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH THE FRONTLINE STATES ARE PLAYING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THEIR

REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT IN LUANDA AT THE TIME OF THIS MEETING. UNLESS YOU SEE SOME PROBLEM IN THIS PROCEDURE, WE INTEND TO INFORM PRESIDENT NUJOMA ACCORDINGLY. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP IN ARRANGING THIS MEETING.

END TALKING POINTS.

- (B) THE CONTACT GROUP IS PREPARING MESSAGES TO BE

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SENT TO NUJOMA, THE FRONTLINE, AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS, CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH SWAPO. THE MESSAGES TO NUJOMA AND THE FRONTLINE WILL BE HELD UP UNTIL NYERERE'S RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE APPROACH HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED OF THE POSSIBLE MEETING UNTIL

SWAPO HAS AGREED TO THAT MEETING.

- (C) THE CONTACT GROUP HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY
THE TIMING OF THE MEETING WITH SWAPO, GIVEN THE
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URGENCY EXPRESSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE GROUP
HAS PARTICULARLY CONSIDERED THE TIME NEEDED TO ORGANIZE
THE MEETING: NYERERE WILL MOST LIKELY NOT BE INFORMED
OF THE PROPOSED MEETING UNTIL FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE
16; IT WILL TAKE TIME TO OBTAIN NUJOMA'S AGREEMENT; AND
THE FRONTLINE MUST BE GIVEN ADEQUATE ENOUGH ADVANCE
NOTICE TO ALLOW THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO TRAVEL TO
LUANDA; IN ADDITION, THERE MUST BE TIME TO DISCUSS THE
TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY WITH TANZANIAN
AMB SALIM (AND SALIM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL
SATURDAY). THE CONTACT GROUP HAS THEREFORE AGREED THAT
THE GROUP SHOULD DEPART NEW YORK FOR LUANDA TUESDAY
EVENING (JUNE 20 AT 1930 HOURS) ARRIVING LUANDA
WEDNESDAY EVENING (1905 HOURS) VIA PARIS. THE MEETING
WITH NUJOMA COULD THEN BE PROPOSED FOR THURSDAY
MORNING. THE CONTACT GROUP IS EXPLORING AVAILABLE
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FOR ONWARD TRAVEL, CONSIDERING
PARTICULARLY THE POSSIBLE NEED TO PROCEED TO CAPE TOWN.
THE EARLIEST FLIGHT FROM LUANDA HEADING SOUTH LEAVES
FOR LUSAKA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25. WHILE GROUP WILL EXPECT
TO PROCEED COMMERCIALY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DATT AIRCRAFT IN PRETORIA.

- (D) THE CONTACT GROUP HAS AGREED TO DISCUSS THE
TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY (REFTTEL) WITH
SALIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF SUFFICIENT
AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE CAN BE REACHED WITH SALIM,
THE TEXT COULD THEN BE DISCUSSED WITH NUJOMA. (IT
WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IF SALIM WERE TO
TRAVEL TO LUANDA AS TANZANIA'S REPRESENTATIVE.) WE
WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH SALIM HERE ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 17 (HE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THEN)
AND IF NECESSARY AGAIN ON MONDAY. GROUP BELIEVES THAT
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THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED SHOULD SERVE AS
BASIS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH SALIM. IF NECESSARY,
A FIRST FALL BACK COULD INVOLVE INCLUSION OF A SIX-MONTH
REEXAMINATION CLAUSE. ALL AGREE THAT THE INCLUSION OF
CHAPTER SEVEN LANGUAGE SHOULD NOT/NOT BE SUGGESTED AT
THIS TIME.

2. THE BRITISH INFORMED US TODAY THAT IN A CONVERSATION
WITH SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB, GURIRAB AGAIN
STATED THAT NUJOMA IS IN LUANDA AND IS EXPECTING TO HAVE
A MEETING WITH THE FIVE THERE. ACCORDING TO GURIRAB,
NUJOMA IS HOPING THAT IT WILL BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
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